

November 9, 1999

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9, 1999, in City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Horwich, Lee, Messerlian, O'Donnell, Walker* and Mayor Hardison.
*Arrived at 5:37 p.m.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows,
City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

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Mayor Hardison announced that subsequent to the posting of the agenda on Thursday, November 4, 1999, City Staff received information that suggested the City may be able to resolve the petition for writ of mandate concerning land use approvals at 234 Via Pasqual in the Hillside Overlay District, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS060028, filed on October 26, 1999 by G. Joseph Buck. As it was necessary for Council to take immediate action in order to provide advice to the City Manager and the City Attorney on how to proceed, a motion was made by Councilman Horwich, seconded by Councilman Lee, and passed by unanimous roll call vote to add the item to the executive session per Government Code Sections 54954.2(b)(2) and 54956.9(a) Existing Litigation (absent Councilman Walker).

At 5:35 p.m., the City Council convened jointly as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance, and Agenda Item 16 was considered out of order at this time.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957.6, 54956.9(b),(c), and 54956.8, the Council recessed into a closed session to discuss matters listed on the meeting agenda and the above mentioned urgency item.

The Council returned to Council Chambers at 7:16 p.m., and the meeting reconvened in regular agenda order.

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2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by The Salvation Army Adventure Corps, Troop Leader Marco Ortega.

Captain Don Gilger, The Salvation Army, gave the invocation for the meeting.

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Mayor Hardison asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Charles "Charlie" Babbitt, Ed Green and Janice Williams.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

4. WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

Mayor Hardison announced that subsequent to the posting of the agenda on Thursday, November 4, 1999, City Staff received information that the California Public Utilities Commission staff was recommending splitting the 310 area code and was requesting comment on the proposal and that due to the time frame involved, City Staff believed that immediate action was necessary. As it was necessary for Council to take immediate action in order to provide input to the CPUC, a motion was made by Councilwoman Cribbs, seconded by Councilman Messerlian, and passed by unanimous roll call vote to add the matter to the agenda as Item 11e, pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2).

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Herbers announced that a seminar would be held for City Council candidates on Wednesday, November 17, 1999, at 3:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. and that full information was available by calling the City Clerk's office at 310/618-2870.

Councilwoman Cribbs announced that the Finance and Governmental Operations Committee would be meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 1999, at 5:30 p.m. in the West Annex Meeting Room to conduct the 1st Quarter Budget Review.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. RESOLUTION NO. 99-117 RE POLICE LIEUTENANT JOHN SPINDLER

RESOLUTION NO. 99-117

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
POLICE LIEUTENANT JOHN SPINDER UPON HIS
RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY-ONE YEARS
OF SERVICE**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-117. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Hardison presented the resolution to Lieutenant Spindler who expressed his appreciation and introduced family members present at the meeting. Police Chief Herren commended Lieutenant Spindler for his thirty-one years of service, noting that he was a former Medal of Valor honoree.

6b. RESOLUTION NO. 99-120 RE POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL WHEELER

RESOLUTION NO. 99-120

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL WHEELER UPON HIS
RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY YEARS
OF SERVICE**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-120. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

For presentation at a later date.

6c. RESOLUTION NO. 99-121 RE POLICE OFFICER LEONARD THORPE

RESOLUTION NO. 99-121

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
POLICE OFFICER LEONARD THORPE UPON HIS
RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER THIRTY YEARS
OF SERVICE**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-121. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

For presentation at a later date.

6d. RESOLUTION NO. 99-122 RE POLICE OFFICER GEORGE DALEY

RESOLUTION NO. 99-122

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
POLICE OFFICER GEORGE DALEY UPON HIS
RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-SIX
YEARS OF SERVICE**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-122. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

For presentation at a later date.

6e. RESOLUTION NO. 99-123 RE POLICE SERGEANT RONALD INGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 99-123

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
POLICE SERGEANT RONALD INGRAM UPON HIS
RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY AFTER TWENTY-EIGHT
YEARS OF SERVICE**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-123. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

For presentation at a later date.

6f. PROCLAMATION RE THE SALVATION ARMY OF TORRANCE

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation to Salvation Army Captain Don Gilger declaring commendation, honor and thanks upon The Salvation Army of Torrance as it celebrates its 20th year of service to the citizens of the community. Captain Gilger invited everyone to attend a celebration at Wilson Park on Sunday, November 14, 1999, at 2:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 6h was considered out of order.

6h. PROCLAMATION RE "KEY CLUB WEEK"

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring the week of November 7 through November 13, 1999, as "Key Club Week" in the City of Torrance to Aram Kim and Nancy Kim, co-presidents of North High Key Club.

6g. PROCLAMATION RE "AMERICA RECYCLES DAY"

Mayor Hardison presented a proclamation declaring Monday, November 15, 1999, as "America Recycles Day" in the City of Torrance to Allison Sherman, Waste Management Coordinator. Ms. Sherman commented on America Recycles Day activities and noted that Sears at Del Amo Fashion Center would be collecting tires for recycling on Saturday, November 13, and that the tires would then be turned into a playground mat and installed at Arnold Elementary School.

6i. RECOGNITION OF 1999 WRAP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Mayor Hardison presented Certificates of Recognition to Torrance business winners of 1999 WRAP (Waste Reduction Awards Program) Awards, awarded by the

State Waste Management Board to businesses with progressive recycling and waste reduction programs. The following representatives accepted certificates for their respective companies: Albertson's Store #1653, Ed Straub, Manager; American Honda, James Inouye, Records Center Coordinator, Joyce Mullenbach, Manager of Corporate Services and Tony Piazza, Assistant Vice President; Bay Cities Animal Hospital, Dr. Richard Sullivan, Connie Sullivan and Dr. Norma Rios; Creative Textiles, Lynne Delpit; Fairchild Fasteners, Chris Cummings, VP of Operations, and Tony Miremadi, Environmental Health and Safety Director; Griffin Publishing, Cecilia Flores, Office Manager; Marshall Music, Stephanie Salgado; Pentel of America, Michael Story; Phenomenex, Iraj Mohandes and Tom Cleveland; Salvation Army Thrift Store, Capt. Don Gilger; Sunrider International, Paul McCabe; and Walsers, Jack, Janeen, Jani and Taylor Walser. Waste Management Coordinator Allison Sherman accepted awards for the companies of Arico's Hallmark, Foundry Services & Supplies, and Shaver Specialty, all of whom were unable to attend.

Mayor Hardison noted that November 19 would be the last day to recycle old telephone books at the Ken Miller Recreation Center.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 28 AND OCTOBER 5, 1999

7b. PURCHASE ORDER RE CARPETING FOR WEST ANNEX BUILDING

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Authorize a purchase order to Fred's Rug Service of Torrance, California in the amount of \$60,595.30 including sales tax, to furnish and install carpeting in the West Annex Building of City Hall;
- 2) Authorize funding of \$15,595.30 from the funds remaining from previously deferred or completed capital improvements to cover the cost of moving furniture and equipment in the affected areas.

7c. PURCHASE ORDER RE AIR CONDITIONING UNITS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize purchase order to WCM & Associates Inc. of San Bernardino, CA, to replace five packaged air conditioning units and the transition curbs on the rooftop of the Torrance Police Building in the amount of \$261,000.00.

7d. PURCHASE ORDER RE CLEANING INTERIOR OF TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM BUSES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council authorize a purchase order be issued in the amount of \$45,700 to Merchants Building Maintenance to provide personnel to clean the interiors of Torrance Transit System buses for the period from November 18, 1999 to November 17, 2000.

7e. CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT RE SCIENCE APPLICATION INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve a consulting services agreement with Science Application International Corporation in the amount of \$24,600 to assist in developing recommendations regarding bus propulsion systems for future bus procurements.

7f. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BONDS AND CASH DEPOSIT RE TRACT MAP 52304

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council approve the release of two subdivision bonds and one cash deposit for Tract Map 52304, located at 25266 Denny Road and 2880 Pacific Coast Highway.

7g. CHANGE ORDER TO PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT C99-172

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Engineering Director that City Council:

- 1) Authorize a change order to Public Works Agreement C99-172 in the amount of \$100,710 for the construction of additional water mains in Elgar, Delia, Eriel and Madrid Avenues; and
- 2) Increase the appropriation for contract administration and inspection by \$22,000.

7h. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE MATERIALS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council accept the following donation submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department:

- 1) \$8,000 donation from Dexol Division of Verdant Brands.

MOTION: Councilwoman O'Donnell moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

9. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

9a. PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT RE STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Planning Director that City Council adopt a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to Program Supplement Agreement No. 002M to Administering Agency – State Agreement No. 07-5249 with Caltrans for federal aid funds for the street improvements on Hawthorne Boulevard from Sepulveda Boulevard to Torrance Boulevard (B99-37).

Planning Manager Gibson reported that this Program Supplemental Agreement would allow the City to obtain reimbursement from Caltrans for street improvements on Hawthorne Boulevard from Sepulveda Boulevard to Torrance Boulevard.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-125

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 002-M TO ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT NO. 07-5249 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-125. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Planning Associate Henry Sakamoto provided an update concerning the timeline for the demolition of medians and the removal of curbs and gutters in conjunction with this project and noted that a construction moratorium would be in effect from the Monday before Thanksgiving until January 2000, in order to avoid the disruption of traffic during the holiday shopping season.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11a. GROUND LESSOR CONSENT RE AIRPORT PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Land Management Team that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a Ground Lessor's Consent for a Shopping Center Lease Agreement between Airport Plaza Associates II and Randy and Doris Chambliss, dba "Champions Sports Complex," located at the Airport Plaza Shopping Center, 2733 Pacific Coast Hwy., Torrance.

Land Management Team Chairman Sunshine presented the staff report (per written material of record) and noted the following changes to the Ground Lessor Consent under the "Lessor certifies as follows" heading:

- 1) Item 3, first sentence, "There are currently approximately 31,219 square feet of non-sales tax producing enterprises...";
- 2) Item 3, fourth sentence, "...bringing the total number of non-sales tax producing square footage to approximately 49,224 square feet"; and
- 3) Item 3, fifth sentence, "...as long as the Champions Sports Complex maintains subleased space on the premises and the total non-sales tax producing space exceeds 40,000 square feet."

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to authorize the execution of the Ground Lessor Consent as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11b. MODIFICATION OF SALARY FOR PLANNER OF TRANSPORTATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a supplemental resolution modifying the pay of the Planner of Transportation.

Assistant to the City Manager Keane presented the staff report (per written material of record).

RESOLUTION NO. 99-126

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 99-74 SETTING
FORTH CHANGES REGARDING WAGES, HOURS AND
WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CERTAIN FULL TIME
SALARIED AND HOURLY EMPLOYEES**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-126. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11c. REVISED PAY GRID FOR CABLE TV PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR

Recommendation

Approve the non-civil service job description of the Cable TV Production Supervisor position.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-127

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 99-74 SETTING
FORTH CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING WAGES, HOURS
AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CERTAIN FULL TIME
SALARIED AND HOURLY EMPLOYEES**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-127. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilwoman Cribbs moved to approve the job description of the Cable TV Production Supervisor position. The motion was seconded by Councilman Messerlian and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11d. OVERHEAD POWER SERVICE TO RALPH'S SUPERMARKET

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council authorize the installation of an overhead power service line in an underground utility area for the Ralph's Supermarket located at Rolling Hills Road and Crenshaw Blvd.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

11e. PROPOSED SPLIT OF 310 AREA CODE

Recommendation

[ADDENDUM ITEM] Recommendation of the City Manager that Mayor and City Council send a communication to the California PUC in opposition to the split of the 310 area code until a full study is completed regarding the inventory of available phone numbers. It is also recommended that the Council take a position urging the CPUC to consider allocating a new area code for cell phones and data lines only.

Assistant to the City Manager Keane presented the staff report (per written material of record).

Mayor Hardison voiced support for sending a strong message to the California Public Utilities Commission opposing a split of the 310 area code and advocating a separate area code for cellular telephones and data lines. She encouraged local businesses to also write letters stating their opposition to splitting the area code.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to concur with the staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

14. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

14a. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3475

ORDINANCE 3475

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A ZONE CHANGE
FROM R-3 (MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO
R-2 (TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) OF PROPERTIES
LOCATED AT 2360, 2358, 2326, AND 2318 SONOMA STREET
ZON99-0003: THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Ordinance 3475. The motion was seconded Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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The Redevelopment Agency reconvened at 8:21 p.m. and adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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15. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

15a. Councilwoman Cribbs noted that, according to the report she recently received, a lot of Capital Improvement Projects have been postponed and questioned whether there is a procedure in place to notify residents when street improvement projects are delayed.

15b. Councilman Horwich stated that he was pleased with Council's response to the proposal to split the 310 area code and that he felt it was bad for small businesses.

15c. Councilman Lee requested that consideration be given to licensing people who distribute handbills and flyers to residences throughout the City, and City Manager Jackson indicated that he would look into the matter.

15d. Councilman Messerlian noted the condition of the reflectors in the median at Sepulveda and Crenshaw Boulevards.

15e. Councilwoman O'Donnell announced that on Saturday, November 20, 1999, the Animal Planet Rescue Vehicle would be at Wilson Park from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

15f. Councilwoman O'Donnell noted that Rose Parade tickets are available at the Parks and Recreation Department, for further information call 618-2930.

15g. Councilwoman O'Donnell invited everyone to hear Cardinal R. Mahoney celebrate mass at 12:30 p.m. on November 21, 1999, at Nativity Catholic Church in honor of the church's 75th anniversary.

15h. Councilwoman O'Donnell shared letters written to Mayor Hardison by 2nd and 3rd grade students from Arnold Elementary School following their visit to City Hall.

15i. Councilwoman O'Donnell announced that the annual Thanksgiving Turkey Trot would begin at 8:00 a.m.

15j. Councilman Walker commented on the passing of Ed Green and thanked all who took the time to vote in the election for school board members and Measure H.

15k. Mayor Hardison commented on the Santa Fe train that stalled last week creating major traffic jams. City Manager Jackson stated that he would contact the railroad company and possibly set up a meeting to discuss ways of handling the situation should another incident occur in the future.

15l. Responding to Councilman Messerlian's inquiry regarding vehicles for sale being parked on service roads off of Torrance Boulevard, City Manager Jackson explained the limited enforcement options available and noted that once an area has been targeted, vehicles frequently shift to other areas in the City.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:38 p.m., the Council recessed to closed session to continue consideration of matters listed on the meeting agenda.

The Council returned to open session in Council Chambers at 10:15 p.m. No formal action was taken on any matter heard in closed session.

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:15 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, November 16, 1999, at 7:00 p.m.

***** Adjourned in Memory of **
Charles "Charlie" Babbitt, Ed Green and Janice Williams***